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SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Patent Application dated May 5, 2004, Applicant submits herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form for the above-identified application. The present application was filed under attorney signature. The Declaration has now been signed and is enclosed herewith.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees or credit any surpluses to deposit account 501519.

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SIR:

Please enter in the record of the file of the above-identified application the attached Certified Copy of German Patent Application 103 04 648.8 of 5 February 2003, which was referred to in the Declaration of the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of 5 February 2003, which is the filing date of the attached German Application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.55 and 35 USC 119.

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